

## NEW PRIMARY LAW PROPOSED IN BILL

Complete Legalized Election System Provided For in Justice Measure.

### CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT

Reform in Rules That Will Consolidate and Condense Business.

Raleigh, N. C., January 10.—An amendment by Representative Williams, of Hatteras, settled today the sharp fight that developed yesterday in the House over a reform in rules that would give relief from great expense and voluminousness of private bills for charters and other purposes that in the past have flooded and blocked legislation. The much-mooted rule provided for a new standing committee on "private bills" to weed out those that the Secretary of State should charter, and for consolidation of others as far as possible and exact payment of fees and constitutional thirty days' notice of application.

The Williams amendment provides for a new "Committee on Public, Local and Private Bills," the committee to consolidate and condense bills as far as possible, so that fees are paid, but not to exact thirty days' notice of introduction.

Representative Justice, of Guilford, introduced in the House two very important bills, one providing a complete legalized preferential primary election system, and the other to prevent corrupt practices in primary, general and other elections. The bill for primary provides for the primary on the first Tuesday in September next preceding each general election in November, except in those years when there are to be elected presidential electors, and in those years the primary shall be on the first Tuesday in June. The primaries are to include United States Senators and Congressmen.

Circumstantial evidence shall be valid for convicting persons for false participation in any primary and voting with a party with which he has not and does not intend to affiliate. The burden of proof is on the person voting to show honest change of party affiliation. Persons, to enter the primaries as candidates, must file notice six weeks ahead of the primary. Candidates must publish primary expenses ten days before and after the primary. A schedule of fees to enter the primaries includes \$250 each for Governor, Congressman and Senator, State officers, \$150 Lieutenant Governor, \$50 and candidates for other offices, \$10 each. The bill also provides a schedule of fees for entrance of candidates for county offices.

The corrupt practices act makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment for willful failure of any officer of election to discharge his duties properly, interfere in any manner with the election officers in the discharge of their duties, or to receive any money on any election to intimidate any voter; or to spend money that is not reported in the interest of any candidate. The bill makes it a felony, punishable by not more than four months imprisonment and \$1,000 fine, to fraudulently register in any precinct or register in more than one precinct; to sell one's vote for any consideration; to make any fraudulent entry on election book or knowingly have erroneous ticket printed or circulated; take any false oath to any person as an elector.

Mr. Williams, of Hatteras, introduced two bills. One provides for putting all waterpower, lighting and gas companies under the control of the Corporation Commission as to rates for power and current and as to other matters. The other provides a scale of license fees for automobiles, graduated from \$5 to \$15, according to horsepower.

Representative T. J. Gold, of Guilford County, is to introduce in a few days the bill to create Aycock County with High Point as county seat, and including Thomasboro, Jamestown and Old Trinity. It is included in the proposed Piedmont County of two years ago. Aycock will have 25,000 square miles, 25,000 people and \$2,000,000 taxable property.

## IN ANNUAL CONVENTION AT THE JEFFERSON HOTEL



Members of the Virginia State Veterinary Medical Association. In the Group Are Governor Mann and Hon. H. C. Stuart.

Photo by Foster.

## ONE YEAR IN PRISON ROBIN'S SENTENCE

### WORLD OF TO-DAY INDEBTED TO PAST

Professor R. H. Dabney in Lecture Traces Rise of Modern Institutions.

Speaking last night on "What the Present Owes to the Past," Prof. R. H. Dabney, of the University of Virginia, told an audience in the John Marshall High School auditorium that the modern world owes practically everything it has to the energy and intelligence of the ancient world.

The arts and the finer qualities of life, together with love of liberty, he said, came from Attica, the home of the Greeks. Even federalism, the cornerstone of our government in the United States, was first applied to government by a league of Achaean, in which each state gave up certain rights in return for compensation in the general welfare which the union produced. The Romans, he said, gave us law and a more perfect form of government. Elaborating on Roman contributions to modern law, he pointed out the facility with which the Latin people developed a system of jurisprudence and made it apply to all territories they conquered. The Roman genius for government, he said, was nowhere better shown than in the case which attended their assimilation of conquered peoples.

Continuing, he pointed out the Paganism as Rome's contribution to the development of the Christian religion. By setting up a place in which all gods were grouped under one roof, respect of each and every one of them was engendered, paving the way for the extension of the Christian religion given by the Hebrews to the world.

Woman Dismissed. Lily Cole, colored, was dismissed yesterday morning in Police Court on a charge of slapping Pauline Flood in the right forearm last Sunday night.

### Skyrocket Financier Gets Off Easily, and Investigator Protests.

New York, January 10.—Joseph G. Robin, noted financier, who pleaded guilty to the theft of \$27,000 from the Washington Savings Bank, was today sentenced by Justice Seabury to serve one year in the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island.

Robin was given clemency because he had aided the district attorney in securing the conviction of William J. Cummins, Joseph G. Reichman, and former City Chamberlain Charles H. Hyde. Following the collapse of the Northern Bank and the allied institutions, including the Washington Savings Bank, Robin was arrested. It was stated by the district attorney that he had stolen more than half a million dollars, which he had used in pyramid operations along the line made famous by Charles W. Morse.

Robin was declared insane, but later he sent for the district attorney and told him he was in a position to convict Cummins and Reichman, who were the responsible officials of the defunct Carnegie Trust Company. Whitman agreed to use Robin, and the latter entered a plea of guilty to the indictment charging the larceny from the Washington Savings Bank.

This was a year ago, and he has since been held in the Tombs, and was the star witness at the Hyde, Reichman and Cummins trials. It was said that there was an agreement that he was to be given his freedom, and State Superintendent of Banks George Van Tuyl sent an open letter to Justice Seabury demanding the limit of the law for Robin, because he said that he was one of the most defunct law-breakers he had ever known.

But despite this demand, the court today said the penitentiary sentence of one year was sufficient.

Gets Three Months. Russell Farmer, colored, was yesterday sentenced to serve three months in jail for robbing J. H. Shoemaker, a brother of County Policeman John Shoemaker, of \$100. Farmer was arrested about a month ago by Policeman Shoemaker, when he hid the money missing from his pockets after a walk with Farmer.

Three Charges Against Man. Richard M. Hunter, sixty-three years old, was arraigned before Police Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning on three charges of grave offenses against girls, one less than fourteen years old. He was held for trial on next Tuesday.

## CLARK CHOSEN BY VETERINARIANS

Hampton Man Made President and Newport News Next Convention City.

The most successful session in the history of the Virginia State Veterinary Medical Association came to an end yesterday afternoon with the election of the following officers for this year: Dr. R. R. Clark, of Hampton, president; Dr. J. H. Meyerhoffer, first vice-president; Dr. H. Bannister, of Roanoke, second vice-president; Dr. George C. Faville, of North Emporia, secretary and treasurer.

Newport News was chosen by the forty delegates as the meeting place of the next convention, which will be held in July of this year.

The social feature of the second day of the convention was the dinner at 1 o'clock in the palm garden of the Jefferson hotel, when toasts were proposed by Governor Mann, Henry C. Stuart, J. Thompson Brown, Dr. George Ben Johnston and Dr. W. Horace Hoskins, of Philadelphia.

To the veterinarians the most interesting matter of the day was the warm discussion of the merits of serum in the prevention of hog cholera, which was precipitated by a paper read before the morning session of the convention by Dr. W. G. Christian, of Raleigh, N. C. Nearly every man in the room took part in the discussion and expressed his individual opinion on this mooted question.

The second day's session of the convention was opened yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Jefferson hotel. Dr. J. H. Meyerhoffer, State Veterinarian and president of the association, Rosewell Page, Second State Auditor, delivered the address of welcome, to which response on the part of the visitors was given by Dr. George C. Faville, of North Emporia.

Features of the morning session were an address by Dr. W. Horace Hoskins, of Philadelphia, and papers read by Dr. J. H. Meyerhoffer, State Veterinarian, and Dr. J. H. Meyerhoffer, State Veterinarian, United States Department of Agriculture, and State Dairy Commissioner Saunders. Several new members were admitted to the association yesterday.

Put Under Bond. T. D. Eaton was held under a \$500 peace bond for twelve months yesterday morning by Police Justice Crutchfield for annoying Miss Beatrice Parrish.

Fined for Cruelty. Eugene Samuels was fined \$10 and costs yesterday in Police Court for cruelty to a mule.

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## NATION'S ELECTORS WILL VOTE MONDAY

Actual Selection of President and Vice-President Is Nearly Due.

Washington, January 10.—The real voting which will make Woodrow Wilson President on March 4—that of the electoral college—will take place throughout the country. The electors will meet at the capitals of forty-eight States, formally to cast ballots for President and Vice-President.

Although millions of citizens may have thought they were really voting for Wilson, Taft or Roosevelt last November, the only actual votes for the candidates will be those of the electors Monday. The citizens merely voted for the electors.

The meetings at the various State capitals of the electors (chosen by popular vote) will be preliminary to the actual election of President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall on February 12. This election ceremony will take place in this city, with the official count of the votes of the electoral college.

Next Monday the various sets of electors will officially cast their ballots for President and Vice-President. Two sets of votes will be signed by the Governors of the respective States and one by special messengers.

Members are chosen by the electors. The result of the electors' votes are received by the President pro tem of the Senate. "Counting of the electors' ballots will begin at 1 P. M. February 12, at a joint session of the Senate and House. The electors' dispatches will be opened and counted, the result announced by the President pro tem, being the final declaration of the election of a new President and Vice-President.

### Negroes Dismissed.

All of the seventy-nine negroes caught Thursday night when a dance hall was raided by detectives were dismissed yesterday morning in Police Court. Mildred Way and her husband, Edgar Way, proprietors of the place, were held for trial on next Saturday. They are charged with maintaining an improper resort and selling whiskey without a license.

Held for Grand Jury. Bessie Smith, colored, was held for grand jury action on a charge of stealing \$28 from the person of E. N. Stone, a white man.

### KELLAM EXONERATED

Coroner's Jury Holds Detective Blameless for Shooting Webster Morton.

Detective Sergeant Louis R. Kellam was exonerated yesterday by a coroner's jury for shooting and killing the death of Webster Morton, the negro bank robber. A verdict that the shooting was justifiable and done in self-defense was returned.

Patrolman Dunn was the jury's going statement made by Morton, in which he said: "The detective was too quick for me, and it's a good thing, because I would have been shot by him. I was guarding the wounded man at the City Hospital, where he was removed. The shooting took place last Monday afternoon when Kellam found Morton in a Seventeenth Street lodging house. He had previously escaped, and when the officer saw him, the negro bank robber, a revolver was shot by Kellam. Negroes who witnessed the shooting testified before the coroner's jury that they at first thought Morton had wounded Kellam, for they saw the former draw the revolver from his pocket. Kellam is formally charged with the murder of Morton, and his case will be called today in Police Court, when he will be legally freed.

Requisition Honored. Governor Mann honored a requisition yesterday from Governor W. W. Kitchen, of North Carolina, for William Reed, alias "Doc" Trotman, who was wanted in Currituck County for murder. Reed is in jail in Norfolk.

## PLANS ARRANGED FOR INAUGURATION

Governor-Elect Craig Will Be Inducted Into Office Next Wednesday.

Raleigh, N. C., January 10.—According to the latest arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies, which will take place Wednesday of next week, Governor-Elect Craig is to reach Raleigh at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening from Asheville, being met at Greensboro and at Durham by special delegations from the General Assembly and the city of Raleigh as escorts. At his request, there will be no demonstrations on his arrival here. He will go direct to Hotel Yarbrough to prepare for the ceremonies that are to characterize the entire business section of the principal features of which are to be a big parade, starting at 11 o'clock and winding up at the auditorium for the inaugural ceremonies.

Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young announces that his deputies have procured the binding over to Superior Court of S. D. Wagoner, of Kinston, on the charge of being instrumental in the starting of the fire in December that burned over \$50,000 of property, and threatened for a while the entire business section of the city. Wagoner is a member of the firm of J. D. Holcombe Company, in which the fire started, and was manager of the store.

Charters have been issued for The Shannon Mercantile Company, of Shannon, Robeson County, capital, \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 paid up, by J. D. Gibson, J. L. McLauren and others, and the Manufacturers Supply Company, Charlotte, capital, \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 paid up, by J. P. Fawcett, J. P. Lusk, H. W. Pettie, J. L. Jones, S. M. Robinson and J. C. Rankin, for general mechanical engineering and machinery supply business.

Large numbers of legislators attended to-night an open session of the Wake County Farmers' Union, held specially for the purpose of hearing the discussions of the various rural credit systems in force in various counties of Europe, the discussion being held in the presence of Editor Clarence Poe, of the Progressive Farmer, with a view to quickening interest in rural credit systems for North Carolina and enactment of a law inaugurating the system at this session. Dr. D. H. Hill, president of A. & M. College, Colonel J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, and C. W. Williams, director of the North Carolina experiment station, were the principal speakers.

A telegram received from Lieutenant-Governor E. L. Doughtridge brings the news that Mrs. Doughtridge has developed a case of typhoid fever. Ill health the past several months makes her condition very precarious. Not only is hope for her recovery held out by the physicians, but they encourage the expectation that she will be so much improved as to admit of the Lieutenant-Governor being here for the inaugural ceremonies on Wednesday.

William Boylan has been re-elected to the presidency of the Capital Club and J. F. Ferrall vice-president. The past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the club. The bonded debt was reduced \$1,000. The club has no floating debt.

The mayors of the cities and towns of North Carolina are to meet in Raleigh on Thursday of next week to discuss especially the problem of taxation as it applies to municipalities.

Reports Wanted Stolen. Harry Sumner, master of the National Woolen Mills Company, 710 East Main Street, yesterday reported to the police that a box containing nine coats of various wares, valued at \$25, had been stolen.

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## GERMAN MENACE IS EVER PRESENT

Manufacturers Fear Competition if Tariff Is Cut Off.

### PLEAD FOR PROTECTION

Under Oath, They Say Downward Revision Means Hardship to Industry.

Washington, January 10.—Fear that foreign producers would invade and injure the American market was expressed today in the testimony on the metal schedule of the tariff before the House Committee on Ways and Means. The committee heard arguments from representatives of manufacturing and producing interests—printing presses, the zinc industry of the Rocky mountains and the Joplin district, the wooden screw manufacturers, of which the American Screw Company controls 40 or 45 per cent of the \$40,000,000 output of machine tools and numerous other products—presenting a vitally solid front against revision of the tariff rates.

"Keep the tariff as it stands or it will work a hardship to American industry," was the consensus of the sentiment of witnesses, all under oath prescribed by the chairman. Chairman Underwood pointed out that the committee was legislating for revenue at present and not figuring on what might happen in the future. "This committee," said Mr. Underwood, "cannot legislate on your fears and on the conditions that you say you expect. The committee ought to legislate to meet conditions when they arise."

Suggests "Basket" Clause. Henry D. Sharpe, of Providence, representing the Brown & Sharpe Company, whose machine tool products aggregate \$3,000,000 a year, was subjected to a long examination. He wanted the tariff on machine tools kept as at present, but failing that, he would suggest putting machine tools in a "basket" clause of "all other kinds of machines," which might run about 25 per cent.

"Wouldn't 25 per cent be just as prohibitive as the present tariff of 30 per cent?" asked Mr. Underwood. The witness did not agree to this. Mr. Sharpe told Representative Palmer that if it was still further reduced in a basket clause to, say, 10 or 15 per cent, he would be "treasoned" and "take my medicine."

William G. Smythe, of the American Screw Company, pictured the German manufacturer as "rubbing his hands with delight" at the prospect of removal of the duty on machine tools. The Germans, he said, had special rates and, he added, England and Germany are sending out the greatest export trade of the world. Mr. Smythe said sometimes there was a discount in favor of the foreign buyer, and that sometimes the per cent was in favor of the German buyer. The theory of giving a lower price for export trade was that it was much harder to sell abroad than at home. Mr. Underwood said that selling cheaper abroad than at home was a matter which the committee had a right to look into, and questioned the witness very closely as to details.

Manufacturers and exporters were aligned in protest against shifting printing presses from a 30 per cent ad valorem tariff to the free list. Hugh V. Reilly, of Newark, representing the International Association of Machinists Union in that State, joined with James E. Bennett, of New York City, spokesman for twenty-two printing press manufacturers, in representing that tariff reduction would injure the workmen.

Mr. Reilly went further by volunteering the statement, in which he said he represented the sentiment of machinists all over the country, that he was planning to take up the question of the eight-hour law State by State, and that he could not carry out that plan if printing presses were put on the free list.

Germany's constant hovering near the customs line, as a serious competitor of the American industry, was the constant source of complaint in to-day's testimony. Representatives of the printing press, machine tools, tinseel wire and other articles told of the momentous German competition, and several manufacturers complained that foreign competitors were quick to copy in details all American improved methods.

George W. Cook, of Denver, representing the zinc and lead industry of Colorado, asserted that putting zinc and lead on the free list would result in closing 100 producing mines and concentration mills in twenty-two States. A large number of witnesses remain to be heard by the committee to-morrow on a variety of metal items.

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